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Dear Mr Loring,

Do not think I am trying  
to inveigle you into a correspondence  
for tho I might find it very  
profitable you would hardly, do so.  
You have so many engagements  
that I shall not expect a reply.  
I only want to say a few words in  
answer to your friendly letter of the  
9<sup>th</sup>. It is not my wish that Mr  
Thompson should come to this country  
to preach ~~the~~ Disunion. I wished him to  
give old fashioned A. S. lectures  
suits to wake up the people & arouse  
their consciences. That his influence  
would be on the side of Disunion  
is true. Any thorough heartfelt  
A. S. testimony must have a bearing  
that way. The Gerrit Smith doctrine  
are quite as disastefue to our  
oppressors as those of Garrison, & when  
ever Free Soilers or F. S. converts  
take the ground as they sometimes



do, that they wont return fugitive  
Slaves. Constitution or no Constitution,  
an outcry is raised quite as loud as  
any three greets Wendell, when he,  
with his understanding of it, openly  
curses said instrument. There was  
almost as much uproar raised against  
us as enemies of the Union when  
Mr T. was here in '35 as there is  
now, or would be if he came again.  
You remember Goldsmith's Croaker  
talks of the advantages of getting  
away our misfortunes before hand.

The Abolitionists have been so thor-  
oughly abused in advance, that when  
they "do" "sit up to the song" of their  
assailants they are not thought  
much worse of than before. As to your  
criticism on Thompson as a speaker,  
remember what a great wanting this  
is, how white the harvest, & how few  
the effective speakers. You must  
admit that he possesses that peculiar  
power whatever it may be, that

stir up a people. Nothing that is  
recorder of Whitefield's, accounts for the  
great effects he produced on all  
sorts & classes of people & it was  
not depth of thought or elegance of  
diction (tho, I suppose he turned  
hard work) that enabled C. C. to  
hold Ireland in his hand so  
many years. Some men possess  
a mesmeric power in connexion  
with public speaking, & I think  
C. C. has it & that this renders him  
a very powerful instrumentality.

You & the friends you mention are  
cultured cultivated men, listening as  
literati to a subject that you have  
heard discussed to satiety but I am  
thinking of 3 or 4000 people somewhere  
in Ohio or Wisconsin gathered together  
perhaps in a barn & hearing eloquence  
for the first time in their lives.

Wherever Mr. I goes he produces  
a radical discussion of the merits of  
the A. S. question, he avoids all ex  
traneous topics & shows no religious



prejudice, & there are important  
considerations. There are some of the  
reasons that prevent my yielding  
as I should be tempted to do on most  
questions of policy my judgment  
be yours.

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Answer to his letter

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